

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate passed H.J. Res. 75, Continuing Resolution.

The House passed H.R. 3402, Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 through 2009.

The House agreed to H.J. Res. 75, Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 2141. **Page S13965**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Resolution: Senate passed H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13965**

Federal Deposit Insurance Act Improvement: Senate passed S. 2141, to make improvements to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. **Pages S13966–68**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S13965**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2010.

Catherine Lucille Hanaway, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Mary M. Rose, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2011.

Stephanie Johnson Monroe, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

Susan P. Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Bruce Cole, of Indiana, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

William E. Kovacic, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of seven years from September 26, 2004.

Kathryn Higgins, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2009.

Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Dale W. Meyerrose, of Indiana, to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Donald A. Gambatesa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development.

John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefore as provided by law and regulations.

J. Thomas Rosch, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2005.

David Steele Bohigian, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Antonio Fratto, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

George W. Foresman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security.

Marilyn Ware, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Finland.

David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 4 p.m., and adjourned at 7:55 p.m., until 6 p.m., on Sunday, December 18, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S13968–69.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4618–4634; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75; H. Con. Res. 325; and H. Res. 633–634 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3505, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–356);

H. Res. 631, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–357);

H. Res. 632, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–358); and

H.R. 3505, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–356, Pt. 1).

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Rule for consideration of suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 623, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea and nay vote of 213 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 663, after agreeing to the Session amendment by voice vote and the previous question.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

To improve proficiency testing of clinical laboratories: H.R. 4568, to improve proficiency testing of clinical laboratories;

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Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005: H.R. 2520, with a Senate amendment, to provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas none voting “nay”, Roll No. 664—clearing the measure for the President;

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State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005: H.R. 4519, to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend funding for the operation of State high risk health insurance pools;

Pages H12072–75

Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 through 2009: H.R. 3402, with a Senate amendment, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H12075–H12125

To amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend by one year provisions requiring parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits: H.R. 4579, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend by one year provisions requiring parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits;

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Second Higher Education Extension Act of 2005: H.R. 4525, amended, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965;

Pages H12128–29

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005—Conference Report: Conference report on S. 1281, amended, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, exploration, exploration capabilities, and the Inspector General, for fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010;

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Agreed to H. Con. Res. 324, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make technical correction in the enrollment of the bill.

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Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision Act of 2005: S. 467, with a Senate amendment to the House amendment, to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002; and

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Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006: H.J. Res. 75, amended, to make further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Hoyer and Cummings, both of Maryland, to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy.

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United States-China Review Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she announced her reappointment of Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of the District of Columbia and Mr. George Becker of Pittsburgh, to the United States-China Review Commission.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H12053–54, and H12149.

Senate Referrals: S. 959 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform; S. 1312 was referred to the Committees on Resources and the Judiciary; and S. 1869, S. 1165, S. 1496, S. 1552, S. 1096, S. 1025, S. 648 and S. 435 were referred to the Committee on Resources. S. 2141, S. 863, S. 1310, S. 1892, S. 1578 and S. 310 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12059 and H12143. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of Sunday, December 18, 2005, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to the following measures:

(1) The bill (H.R. 1185) to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes.

(2) A bill to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2006, and for other purposes.

(3) The resolution (H. Res. 545) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the arrest of Sanjar Umarov in Uzbekistan.

(4) The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 284) expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the 2005 presidential and parliamentary elections in Egypt.

(5) The bill (H.R. 4501) to amend the Passport Act of June 4, 1920, to authorize the Secretary of State to establish and collect a surcharge to cover the costs of meeting the increased demand for passports as a result of actions taken to comply with section 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

(6) The bill (S. 1988) to authorize the transfer of items in the War Reserves Stockpile for Allies, Korea.

(7) The bill (H.R. 2329) to permit eligibility in certain circumstances for an officer or employee of a foreign government to receive a reward under the Department of State Rewards Program.

(8) A resolution honoring Helen Sewell on the occasion of her retirement from the House of Representatives and expressing the gratitude of the House for her many years of service.

No testimony was heard.

**WAIVING CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH
RESPECT TO THE SAME DAY
CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES
COMMITTEE**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of Sunday, December 18, 2005. No testimony was heard.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 18, 2005**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

6 p.m., Sunday, December 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Sunday, December 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Sunday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. Also, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive matters, including conference reports when available.

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